--- 20 Cigarettes - Series “C” - three digit codes - “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton - [1-18E] ---

--- in RED ink - [1952] ---

When the 1951 Budget increased the *cigarette excise tax* (no longer printed on the stamp) from 4¢ to 5½¢ per ten cigarettes, or fraction thereof, “Imperial Tobacco” discontinued their *lettered cancellations*, and a three digit code numbering system was adopted for all their production. “Tuckett Tobacco” was an affiliate and used the Imperial date code system. The first, definitely *Tuckett*, number code in its characteristic, 15 mm., *wide-spaced* 4 mm. heavy Gothic figures, reading vertically down at the right side, is **2 0 8**.

--- a single number reading vertically down - 2 copies to date ---

[★RC-386]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1952	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**2 3 6**	---	---
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	---	**2 0 8**	---	---	---	---	---	---				

--- 20 Cigarettes - Series “C” - three digit codes - “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton - [1-18E] ---

--- in RED ink - [1953-55] ---

--- twin numbers reading vertically down - 68 copies to date ---

[★RC-386]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1953	--- ---	--- ---	--- ---	--- ---	--- ---	--- 253	--- ---	256 257	--- ---	--- 261	--- 263	--- ---
1954	--- 267	268 ---	270 271	272 273 274 275	276 --- 278 279	280 281 --- ---	--- 285 286 ---	288 --- 290 291	292 293 294 295	296 297 298 299	300 --- --- 303	304 305 306 307
1955	308 309 310 ---	312 --- 314 315	--- 317 318 319	320 321 322 323	324 --- --- 327	328 329 330 ---	332 333 --- ---	--- 337 --- ---	340 --- 342 343	--- --- 346 347	348 349 --- ---	352 --- 354 355

--- 20 Cigarettes - Series “C” - three digit codes - “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton - [1-18E] ---

--- in RED ink - [1956] ---

Judging by the type face used on these 1956 examples, I’d guess that they were produced on contract by “Imperial Tobacco,” Montreal, and given the “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton, company code. Compare them to the 1956 “Imperial Tobacco” stamps.

the serifed 1-18E **reading** ***horizontally across*** **the bottom from 369 - 22 copies to date ---**

[★RC-386]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	356	360	---	368	372	---	380	---	---	---	---	---
	357	361	365	369	373	377	381	---	---	---	---	---
	358	---	---	370	---	378	382	---	---	---	---	---
	359	---	367	371	375	379	383	---	---	---	---	---

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - with two digits - 1956-63 ---

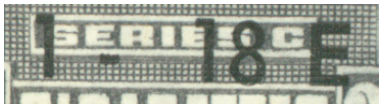
As with “Imperial Tobacco” their weekly three digit number series apparently ended at about **3 4 5**, early in 1955, and was replaced by a plethora of two digit monthly number series. These series, with two-digit numbers, have varying orientations, designed for packaging purposes. Basically the difference between the two series is found in the use of a 3 mm. code [1-18E] with a ***figure eight*** flourish, and a 3 mm. code [1-18E] and eventually [18E-1] - which ultimately reads *vertically down*.

The initial cancellations of the pair have the twin 5 mm. Gothic numbers *reading vertically down*, as on the three digit series - with the company code [1-18E], in pica typewritten mimeographed 3 mm. characters, arranged horizontally across the bottom. This seems to be a logical extension following from the above three-digit series and uses the *plain-stick* figure **I** at the beginning - which was previously used in the three digit numbers. The **1** with foot and serif is used at the conclusion of the sequence.

“Tuckett Tobacco” used two different type faces for printing their *company code*. The first set of cancellation codes run with 3 mm. figures where the figure eight has a top flourish (which this computer keyboard cannot not reproduce - see below).

The second set of 3 mm. cancellation codes used the non-flourish code 1-18E.

The final set begins with **1 - 18 E** and eventually uses the reverse code **18E-1**. Due to the distinctive type face, and the fact that on the *tall format* stamps this type face continues until 1974, I speculate that these were produced under contract by “Imperial Tobacco” in Guelph, Ontario.



--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two vertical digits in RED ink - 1956-60 ---

--- using a plain stick figure I in the numerals as far as [3 I] ---

--- with a *serifed* company code, reading horizontally across the bottom - 22 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	--	--	--	--	--	I I	I 2	I 4	--	I 6	--	--
1957	I 9	20	--	22	--	24	--	26	27	--	29	--
1958	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	40	--	--
1959	--	44	--	--	--	48	49	--	--	52	53	54
1960	--	--	--	--	59	--	--	62	63	--	--	66

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two horizontal digits in RED ink - 1956-60 ---

This is a packaging variation which ran concurrently with the preceding set.

--- with a *serifed* company code, reading vertically up at the right side - a single copy to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1957	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1958	--	--	--	--	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1960	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two digits vertically stacked in RED ink - 1956-60 ---

Judging by the box collection, these stamps were used on “flip-top” boxes. This is a packaging variation and ran concurrently with the preceding sets. All of these cancellation codes omit the use of 13.

--- with a *serifed* company code, reading horizontally across the bottom - 3 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	--	--	--	--
1957	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1958	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1960	55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	65	--

--- with a *non-serifed* company code, reading vertically up at the right side - 14 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1962	--	80	--	--	--	84	--	--	--	--	--	90
1963	--	92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1964	--	16	--	--	--	--	--	22	--	--	--	--
1965	--	--	--	--	31	32	--	--	--	--	37	--
1966	39	--	--	42	--	--	45	46	--	--	49	--

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two vertically reading digits in RED ink - 1960-66---

--- grey shade - with a *non-serifed* company code, reading horizontally across the bottom - 10 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1960	--	--	--	--	--	60	--	--	--	--	--	--
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1962	--	80	--	--	--	84	--	86	--	--	--	--
1963	91	--	--	94	95	--	97	--	--	--	12	--
1964	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1965	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1966	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two vertically stacked digits in RED ink - 1961-66 ---

Judging by the box collection, these stamps were used on “flip-top” boxes.

--- grey shade - with a *non-serifed* company code, reading horizontally across the bottom - 2 copies to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1962	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1963	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1964	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1965	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1966	--	--	--	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	--	--

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two digits in RED ink - 1965-66 ---

“Tuckett Tobacco” ceased operations at Hamilton in 1967 prior to the introduction of the “Wings” Series. The parent company “Imperial Tobacco” had opened the modern *Peter Jackson* cigarette factory in nearby Guelph, Ontario [1-17E] in 1958, and the Tuckett operation in Hamilton was gradually phased-out. The following were produced under contract at the Guelph plant, and were given Hamilton coding.

--- with reversed company code reading vertically down at the right side - a single copy to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	--	--	--	--
1966	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

--- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - “Wings Series” - two digits in RED ink - 1965-66 ---

--- with reversed company code reading vertically down at the right side - a single copy to date ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	37	--
1966	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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